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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Petition**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2002. With the enclosed Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally and with payment for an extension of time for five months from the Notice of Appeal filed September 18, 2002, this response is timely filed.

Please consider the following remarks and amendments when examining the present application.

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